A Relation
Of the Raining *of* Aſhes, *in the* Archipelago, *upon the Eruption of Mount* Veſuvius, *ſome years ago.*

This came but lately to hand from that knowing perſon, Mr. *Henry Robinſon*; and was thought fit to be now inſerted here, that it might not be loſt, though it hath hapned above 30 years ago. It was contained in a Letter, (ſubſcribed by Capt. *Will. Badily*) in theſe words:

THe 6th. of *December* 1631, being in the Gulf of *Volo*, riding at Anchor, about ten of the Clock that Night, it began to rain Sand or Aſhes, and continued till two of the Clock the next Morning. It was about two inches thick on the Deck, ſo that we caſt it over board with Shovels, as we did Snow the day before: The quantity of a Buſhel we brought home, and preſented to ſeveral Friends *, eſpecially to the Maſters of *Trinity Houſe*. There was in our Company, Capt. *John Wilds* Commander of the *Dragon*, and Capt. *Anthony Watts*, Commander of the *Eliſabeth* and *Dorcas*. There was no Wind ſtirring, when theſe Aſhes fell, it did not fall onely in the places, where we were, but likewiſe in other parts, as Ships were coming from St. *John D' Acre* to our Port; they being at that time a hundred Leagues from us. We compared the Aſhes together, and found them both one. If you deſire to ſee the Aſhes, let me know.

* Some of theſe Aſhes were produced by Mr. *John Evelyn*, before the *Royal Society*.

An Extract
Of a Letter not long ſince written from Rome, *rectifying the Relation of* Salamanders *living in Fire.*

This came from that Expert Anatomiſt M. *Steno*, to Dr. *Croon*; *Videl.* That a Knight called *Corvini*, had aſſured him, that, having caſt a *Salamander*, brought him out of the *Indies*, into the Fire, the Animal thereupon ſwell'd preſently, and then vomited ſtore of thick ſlimy matter, which did put out the neighbouring Coals, to which the *Salamander* retired immediately, putting them out again in the ſame manner, as ſoon as they re-